1425. [*Transferred to the 28th May, 1990*]

Procurement of Furniture in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1426. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what types of furniture is being procured for use of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has made some suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's norms about sizes etc. for purchase of furniture for different categories are laid down in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Accounts Code. The following guidelines are to be kept in view, while making purchases of furniture in the Kendriya Vidyalayas:—

(i) Luxury items, such as table with sunmica top, cushioned or revolving Chair, etc. should not be purchased.

(ii) The type of furniture should be durable and at the same time not costly.

(iii) Wooden furniture, if purchased, should be inspected before polishing so as to find out the existence of cracks, knots etc.

(iv) However, as per Government of India instructions purchase of wooden furniture is to be discouraged.

(b) and (c) The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has handed over a letter in regard on 17-5-90 and the suggestions are being looked into.

Committee Reviewing the New Education Policy

1427. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 786 given in the the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1990 and state:

(a) on what lines the National Policy on Education, 1986 is being reviewed and the reasons necessitating this review;

(b) what are the names of the members of the Committee constituted by Government for the purpose:

(c) whether there has been any resentment regarding constitution of the said Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A copy of the Government Resolution, which contains the requisite information, is attached. (*See* below.

(c) The constitution of the Committee has generally been welcomed though opinions have been expressed that the Committee could have been constituted differently.

(d) Does not arise.

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Appointment of a Committee to review the National Policy on Education, 1986.

Despite efforts at social and economic development since attainment of Independence, a majority of our people continue to remain deprive of education, which is one of the basic needs for human development. It is also a matter of grave concern that our people comprise 50 per cent of the world's illiterate, and large sections of children have to go without acceptable level of primary education. Government accords the highest priority to education—both as a human right and as the means for bringing about a transformation towards a more humane and enlightened society. There is need to make education an effective instrument for securing a status of equality for women, and persons belonging to the backward classes and minorities. Moreover, it is essential to give a work and employment orientation to education and to exclude from it the elitist aberrations which have become the glaring characteristic of the educational scene. Educational institutions are increasingly being influenced by casteism, communalism and obscurantism and it is necessary to lay special emphasis on struggle against this phenomenon and to move towards a genuinely egalitarian and secular social order. The National Policy on Education, 1986 (NPE), needs to be reviewed to evolve a framework which would enable the country to move towards this perspective of education.

2. Government have, therefore, decided to set up NPE Review Committee with the following composition:

1. Acharya Ramamurti, ... Chairman
   Khodigram, District Munger

2. Professor C. N. R. Rao, ... Member
   Director,
   Indian Institute of Science,
   Bangalore.

3. Dr. Sukhdev Singh, ... ,,
   Formerly Vice-Chancellor,
   Punjab and MP Agricultural Universities.

4. Dr. M. Santappa, ... ,,
   Formerly Vice-Chancellor,
   Madras University.

5. Dr. Obaid Siddiqui, ... ,,
   Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay.

6. Dr. Bhaskar Roy Chaudhary, ... ,,
   Vice-Chancellor,
   Calcutta University,
   Calcutta.

7. Shri M. G. Bhativadekar, ... ,,
   Formerly Principal,
   Maharaja College,
   Jaipur.

8. Professor Usha Mehta, ... ,,
   Political Scientist and Teacher,
   Bombay.

9. Professor Sachhidanand Murthy, ... ,,
   Sangam Jagarlamudi,
   Guntur.

10. Dr. Anil Sadgopal, ... Member
Kishore Bharati,
Hoshangabad.

11. Father T. V. Kunnunkal, ... ,,
Chairman,
National Open School,
New Delhi.

12. Professor Mrinal Miri, ... ,,
Professor of Philosophy,
North Eastern Hill University,
Shillong.

. Dr. Vidya Niwas Mishra, ... ,,
Vice-Chancellor,
Kashi Vidyapeeth,
Varanasi.

14. Shri S. Z. Quasim, ... ,,
Vice-Chancellor,
Jamia Millia Islamia,
New Delhi.

15. Shri Veda Vyasa, ... ,,
Chairman,
DAV College Management Committee,
New Delhi.

16. Shri Manubhai Pancholi, ... ,,
Lok Bharati Sanosara,
District Bhavnagar.

17. Shri S. Gopalan, ... Member Secretary
Additional Secretary,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Department of Education,
New Delhi.

3. The terms of reference of the Committee will be as follows:

(a) to review the National Policy on Education, 1986 and its implementation;

(b) to make recommendations regarding revision of the Policy; and

(c) to recommend action necessary for implementation of the revised Policy within a timeframe.

4. The Committee will devise its own proceure of work and submit its report as soon as possible, but not later than six months from the date of issue of the order. It may submit interim reports as may be considered appropriate.

Sd/-
(S. P. Tuli)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER

Order that a copy of the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

Also ordered that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, all State Governments/Union Territory Administration Universities, Institutions/Organisations of the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, etc. for information.

Sd/-
(S. P. Tuli)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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